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Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after beating Andy Roddick of the United States during their Men's singles semifinal match at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

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## Segafredo opens officially at South Beach Mall



PALM BEACH – Today Segafredo will officially open its doors in the new South Beach Mall, right across from the High Rise Hotels.

The Vice President of Segafredo Zanetti USA, Paolo Evengelista, has flown to Aruba especially for this joyous occasion. General Manager Maarten Alberts has trained his staff to utter perfection over the last couple of weeks on how to make the best coffees, cocktails and of course on how to give great service. Segafredo will be opened from 6AM for the early starters until midnight.

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Recipients are Anguilla, Puerto Rico for Small, Large Association Awards Respectively

## Caribbean Honors National Hotel Association Executives With Awards



Caption (L-R): Alec Sanguinetti, CHTA's Director General and CEO; Sue Springer, CSHAE Chairman and Executive Vice President of the Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association; Trudy Nixon, Executive Director of the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association; and CHTA President Enrique De Marchena Kaluche

GROS ISLET, ST. LUCIA – The Caribbean Society of Hotel Association Executives (CSHAE) honored two national hotel association executive directors for their tireless efforts on behalf of their members and their destinations and the invaluable contributions and the role they play in the overall success of their local associations and the region-wide Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association.

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Trudy Nixon, Executive Director of the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association, was awarded the 2008 Small Hotel Association Executive of the Year and Clarisa Jiménez, President and CEO of the Puerto Rico Hotel & Tourism Association was honored as the 2008 Large Association Executive of the Year. "I was delighted to see both Trudy and Clarisa receive their awards as Executives of the Year," said Sue Springer, CSHAE Chairman and Executive Vice President of the Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association, adding: "They have both been very supportive of CSHAE and have certainly worked hard to spread the

tourism message within their islands.

"The Association executives in all of the National Associations work tirelessly for their membership representing all of their needs as and when required and I salute them for their outstanding efforts.

"Without exception each one of the CSHAE executives are true professionals and are not always respected for what they do. This award, in some small measure, hopefully shows these individuals that their hard work has not gone unnoticed."

Small National Hotel Association Executive of the Year

Trudy Nixon, Executive Director of the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association, came

to the job three years ago and immediately immersed herself in the tasks of running the small local hotel association.

Prior to taking the position in Anguilla, Ms. Nixon was marketing communications consultant for a media house and a brand manager. She also had extensive association management experience working with the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts Association (ABSA) which was a major U.K.-based charity.

Her efforts on behalf of the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association are focused on improving and enhancing communications with information collection and dissemination, government relations and marketing support.

She sits on many committees, all designed to improve life on the island for local residents and visitors alike – including the formation of a national community college for Anguilla and driving the renewable energy efforts.

As marketing is one of the keys to helping her membership, she works closely with the government tourism office as a member of their marketing team. The Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association also developed "Absolutely Anguilla," a high-end annual visitors' guide, now in its second year of printing.

"I am delighted and surprised to win this award," Ms. Nixon said. "This has been one of the best professional experiences I've had and I've been able to do my job better thanks to the support of other colleagues within the CSHAE organization. Getting recognized by them really means a lot."

Large National Hotel Association Executive of the Year

Clarisa Jiménez, President and CEO of the Puerto Rico Hotel & Tourism Association (PRHTA),



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has headed the organization for the past four years. She came to the Association after working for 14 years for the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, including seven years in California and seven in Puerto Rico. She also spent more than eight years in a variety of marketing roles before accepting her position at PRHTA, which represents the interests of more than 550 corporate members.

As a strong advocate for the businesses that form part of Puerto Rico's tourism and hospitality industry, Ms. Jiménez has played a significant role in the outcome of many local government issues, pushing for legislation that moves the industry forward while helping prevent laws that would adversely impact it. She is fighting an additional room tax for San Juan hotels that has negatively affected hotels in the area.

It is through the Association's Marketing Committee, which includes the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau and the Puerto Rico Convention Center, that the destination marketing programs are developed to promote the Island worldwide.

Most recently, Ms. Jiménez and PRHTA created the "El Turista: Compromiso de Todos" (Tourism Is Everyone's Responsibility) in which her hotel Association is promoting the importance of tourism for the economy of the Island, educate the hospitality industry employees as well as the community on the important role they play in the tourism industry and create strategic alliances for the benefit of the industry.

Last year, under her leadership PRHTA created the first culinary event of its class, "Saborea Puerto Rico: a Culinary Extravaganza", a weekend full of flavor and taste. More than 50 restaurants, wine, beers and spirits, renowned chefs from around the world and the sounds of the Puerto Rico Philharmonic Orchestra served up an event of unforgettable enjoyment.

"I am honored by this award because I know all the other association executives work so hard. It makes me want to work even harder for our members," said Jiménez. "This industry is steeped in collaboration to help everyone in the hospitality and tourism community. I am proud to be a part of it." □

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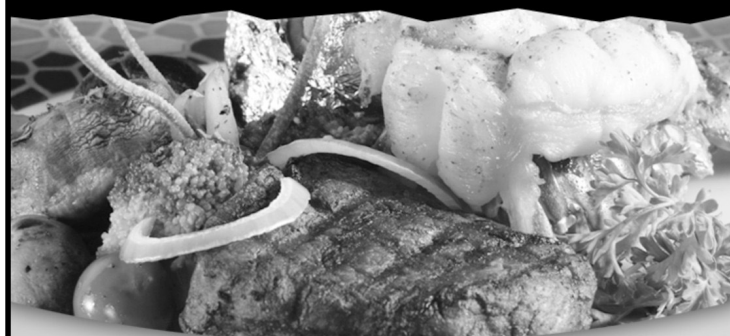
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Pictured LTR; General Manager Maarten Alberts, Vice President of Segafredo Zanetti USA, Paolo Evangelista and Sartini Kousemaker, Local Segafredo manager. □

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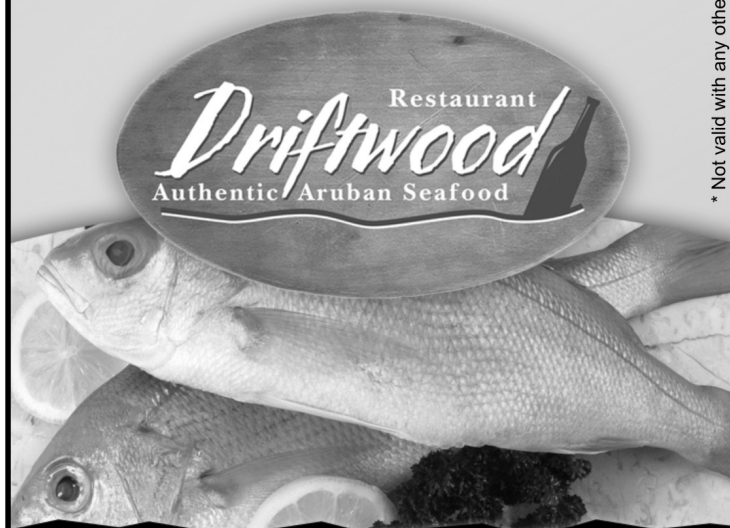
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## Ponson to play for Netherlands in World Classic



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# Bill of rights for fliers still stalled at the gate



By Steve Huettel, Times Staff Writer

TAMPA - Next month marks the second anniversary of the Valentine's Day massacre for JetBlue Airways, which prompted demands for Uncle Sam to take airlines to task for mistreating travelers. Remember? JetBlue blundered into an operational meltdown during a blizzard at its John F. Kennedy International hub. Customers' lives were turned

upside down.

More than 1,000 passengers on nine flights were stranded for hours on the tarmac. Travelers on one plane headed for Aruba were stuck for nearly 11 hours.

The debacle gave momentum to advocates of a federal passenger bill of rights. The effort stalled in Congress, largely because of pushback from the airlines.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.,

and Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, this month reintroduced a Senate version. Supporters hope it has a better chance under a more Democratic Congress and a new president. The proposal would impose these mandates:

- Airlines let passengers safely get off the plane if they have been on the ground with the door closed for more than three hours. Pilots could overrule if they believe the plane will take off or get to the terminal within 30 minutes.

- Airlines provide adequate food, water, restrooms, ventilation and a comfortable cabin temperature if a plane is stuck on the ground.

- Airlines and airports submit contingency plans for handling long tarmac delays to the Department of Transportation or face fines.

- The DOT also would set up a consumer complaint hotline. The Air Transport Association, a trade group for major carriers, says the number of tarmac delays is going down. The group also contends the three-hour rule would give airlines incentive to cancel flights instead of trying to get out ahead of bad weather.

Travel columnist Terry Trippler argues no one even knows how many flights incur extended tarmac delays. The Transportation Department began publishing numbers last year, then stopped when a consumer group questioned data provided by airlines.

A reader posting on a Wall Street Journal blog summed up the dilemma neatly: "Legislate (airline) service and the airlines will become risk-averse and probably cancel. Don't legislate it and they will continue to argue, 'Let us self-regulate' while doing very little. A real Hobson's choice. Consumer loses either way." Game on. ☐

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# Caribbean foreign ministers meet on tourism and climate

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Delegations from all member countries of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and a dozen of international organizations -- including the Organization of American States (OAS) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) -- were expected to attend, according to Azad Belfort

The director of international organizations at the Haitian Ministry of Foreign Affairs added that sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea, as well as transport and tourism in the region would also be addressed during the 14th meeting of the regional ministerial council.

Haitian Foreign Affairs Minister Alrich Nicholas said that the meeting would have a positive impact on improving Haiti's image in the world.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, has been under the oversight of a 7,000-strong Brazilian-led

UN mission (MINUSTAH) since 2004 amid extended political and social turmoil. More than 60 percent of the population lives under the poverty line of two dollars

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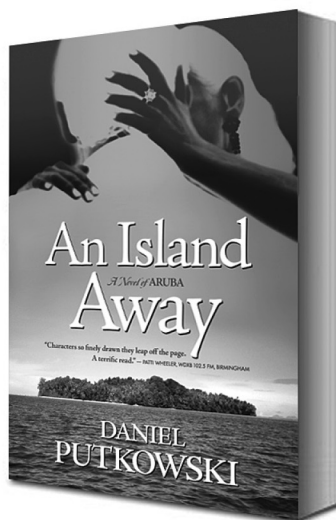
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## Ford posts \$14.6B 2008 loss, still won't seek aid

By TOM KRISHER and KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON, AP Auto Writers

DEARBORN, Mich. — After the worst annual loss in its 105-year history, Ford Motor Co. still doesn't plan to seek government aid, but it's borrowing more money and hinting at further restructuring to brace for a tough 2009 and any surprises from the unpredictable economy.

The second-largest U.S.-based automaker on Thursday reported a \$14.6 billion net loss for 2008, beating its old record of \$12.6 billion set two years earlier. Ford lost \$5.9 billion in the fourth quarter, but more importantly it spent \$5.5 billion more than it took in, dropping its cash reserves to \$13.4 billion at year's end. The company, like other automakers, predicted a slow start to the year with a small recovery in the second half aided by government stimulus packages. But Ford is behaving like it's expecting things to get worse. The company told lenders Thursday that it wants to borrow the remaining \$10.1 billion of its secured credit line. The money is to arrive Tuesday, but Ford executives

said they don't plan to use it for operating expenses.

"We took this action because of our concerns about the growing instability of the capital markets," Chief Executive Alan Mulally said on a conference call with reporters and industry analysts. "The worldwide economic slowdown, driven by tight credit markets and weak consumer confidence, has shaken the foundation of even the strongest companies in the automotive sector and other industries."

Ford said its financing arm would cut about 20 percent of its work force, or 1,200 full-time and contract jobs, as it deals with a smaller U.S. market. The Dearborn-based company also reduced its forecast for industrywide U.S. sales this year from 12.5 million to a range between 11.5 million and 12.5 million. "It's very volatile," Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth said. "We don't just know whereabouts in that range it will be."

After cutting costs by \$4.4 billion in 2008, the executives predicted another \$4 billion in savings this year, with part

of that coming from other restructuring efforts that Ford declined to specify.

To improve its liquidity, Ford also took \$2 billion set to go into a union-administered health care trust fund and converted it into a note payable at the end of 2009. As a result, the company has about \$25.5 billion in liquidity available. But if Ford continues to burn cash at the pace it did in the fourth quarter, it could reach \$10 billion, the minimum amount required to operate the company, in about eight months.

Yet Booth and Mulally said with the cost cuts and a small sales increase in the second half of the year, they expect the cash burn to decrease substantially, and they don't expect to need government loans. The fourth-quarter cash burn dropped from \$7.7 billion in the third quarter.

"It's not our plan at all to access the government money," Mulally said Thursday. Last month, the Treasury Department agreed to lend \$13.4 billion to General Motors Corp. and \$4 billion to Chrysler LLC, saving Ford's U.S.-based competitors from bankruptcy.

For Ford to need such help, the economy would have to worsen significantly or there would have to be a major event such as the bankruptcy of a competitor, Mulally said.

## Obama calls \$18B in Wall Street bonuses shameful

By BEN FELLER, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama issued a withering critique Thursday of Wall Street corporate behavior, calling it "the height of irresponsibility" for Wall Street employees to be paid more than \$18 billion in bonuses last year while their financial sector was crumbling.

"It is shameful," Obama said from the Oval Office. "And part of what we're going to need is for the folks on Wall Street who are asking for help to show some restraint, and show some discipline, and show some sense of responsibility."

The president's comments, made with new Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner at his side, came in swift response to a report that employees of the New York financial world garnered an estimated \$18.4 billion in bonuses last year. The figure, from the New York state comptroller, drew prominent news coverage.

Yet Obama's stand also came just one day after he surrounded himself with well-paid chief executives at the White House. He had pulled in those business leaders and hailed them for being on the "front lines in seeing the enormous problems in our economy right now."

The president said the public dislikes the idea of helping the financial sector, only to see the hole get bigger because of lavish spending. The comptroller's report found that Wall Street employees got paid about the same amount of bonuses as they did in the boom time of 2004.

Obama said he and Geithner will speak directly to Wall Street leaders about the bonuses, which threaten to undermine public support for more government intervention. The House just approved an economic stimulus plan that would cost taxpayers more than \$800 billion; the Senate is considering its own version.

Separately, Congress also passed a \$700 billion plan last year to shore up the financial sector.

"We're going to be having conversations as this process moves forward directly with these folks on Wall Street to underscore that they have to start acting in a more responsible fashion if we are to, together, get this economy rolling again," Obama said. "There will be time for them to make profits, and there will be time for them to get bonuses," Obama said. "Now is not that time." □

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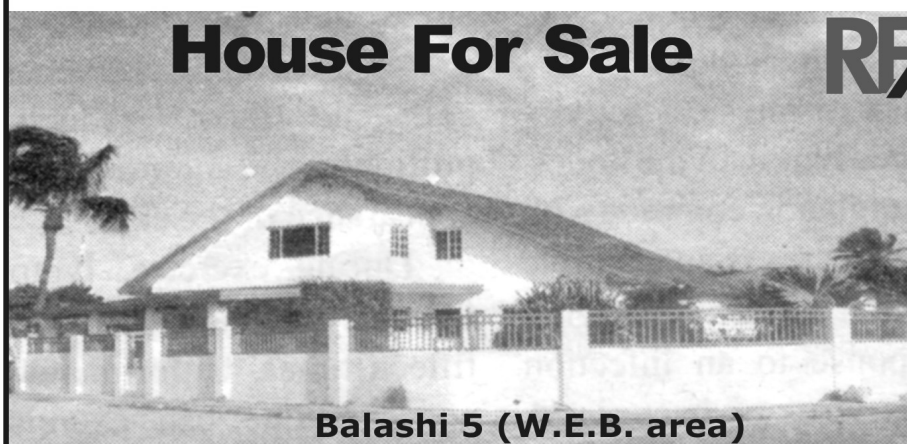
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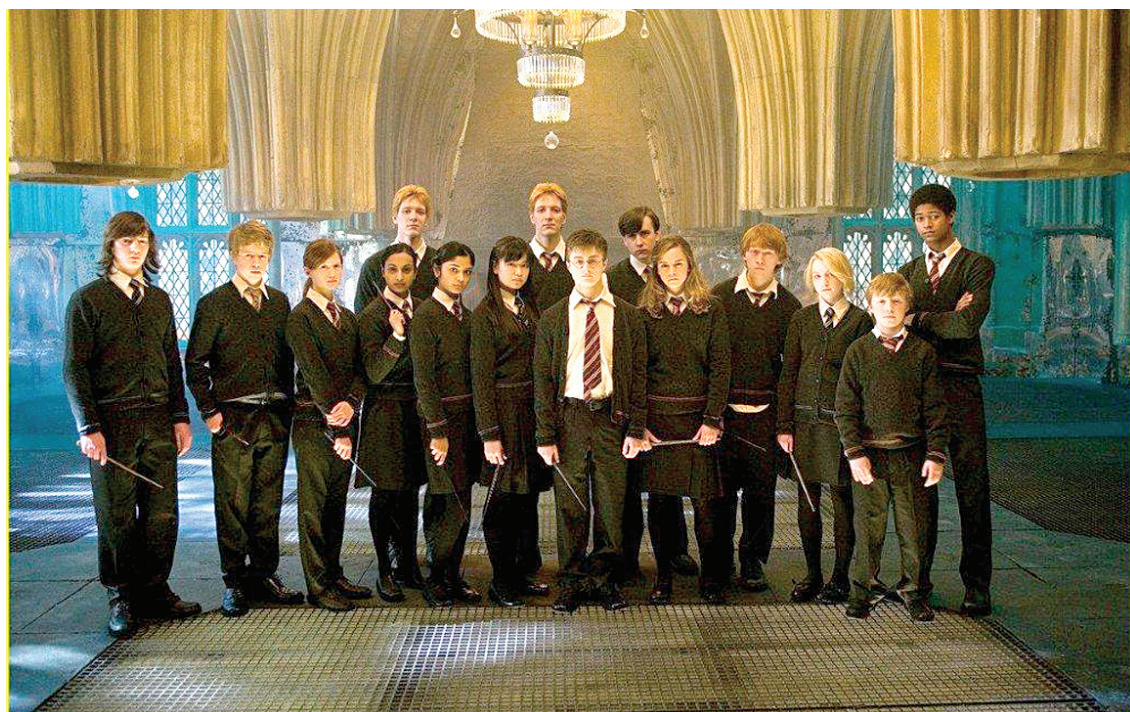
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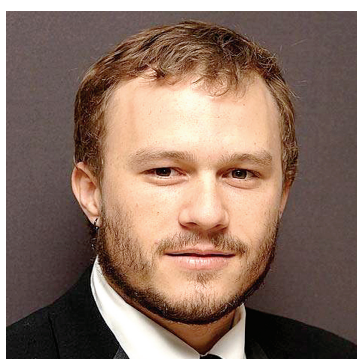
# Stuntman injured on set of Harry Potter movie



LONDON – British officials are investigating an accident on the set of the latest Harry Potter film that left a stunt man seriously injured.

Studio Warner Bros. says a man was hurt at Leavesden Studios near London, where “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” is in preproduction.

The ambulance service says a man in his 20s suffered a significant back injury in the accident Wednesday. His name was not released but British media reported he was stunt double for Daniel Radcliffe, who plays the boy wizard in the hit films. The Health and Safety Executive said Thursday it was investigating the workplace accident. □



## Heath Ledger insurance suit settles

in Los Angeles. Ledger’s attorneys are seeking a closed hearing next month to establish a court guardian to represent the actor’s 3-year-old daughter, Matilda Rose, who is the policy’s beneficiary.

An attorney for Ledger sued ReliaStar Life Insurance Co. last year, claiming the company was refusing to pay the actor’s death benefits. The attorney claimed the insurer

was refusing to pay because it wanted to investigate whether Ledger’s death was a suicide. A coroner ruled Ledger’s death last January was from an accidental prescription drug overdose.

William Shernoff, who represented Ledger’s attorney, said Thursday that both sides were pleased with the settlement. He declined to discuss specifics of the deal. □

## American Idol Rocks Out; Lost Holds Steady



**Joal Ryan**  
LOS ANGELES – Wednesday TV’s Big Winner, Besides the Resurgent House of Osmond:

The Salt Lake City-set American Idol (27 million, per Nielsen estimates) hit season highs in viewers and the 18-

49 demo. Not All Lie Detectors Are Created Equal: Last year, Moment of Truth held onto the majority of its super-sized Idol lead-in. Last night, Tim Roth’s Lie to Me (12.1 million) didn’t. They Are What They Are: Lie to Me and Lost (11.1 million) both were about even with last week. Lie to Me won the hour in viewers; Lost ruled in the demo. At 8 p.m., Knight Rider (6.2 milion) was even with its season average. Jay Leno Preview? CBS tried its Katie Couric news show at 8 p.m.—and drew the night’s lowest 18-49 rating of any non-rerun on the big four networks.

Unwelcome Back: In the demo at 10 p.m., an old CSI: NY (as well as a new Law & Order) outdrew the back-from-hiatus Life on Mars (6.5 million). □





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# Obama Versus the Republicans: Chill Out, He's Got This

**Bob Cesca**

There's a killer web graphic that was created back in the post-Republican Convention days while everyone was writing spasmodic, breathless "Obama should [fill in the blank]" blog entries and "Oh crap! We're gonna lose!" newspaper columns. Not that there's anything wrong with that, really. The Obama campaign slipped in the polls during Sarah Palin's very brief golden age -- an era of roughly two weeks following the Alaska governor's successful recitation of a convention speech without, you know, choking on her own

vomit.

Very few of us were confident of an Obama victory at the time. After all, previous Democratic nominees had been riding bullet trains to victory in the polls, only to gradually and utterly bonk as the summer segued into autumn. Even candidate Obama was warning us about the Democratic habit of "snatching defeat from the jaws of victory." Yeah. Anyone who claims to have been absolutely 100 percent confident of a Barack Obama victory in the first week of September 2008 is either lying or lying.

However, some people were

more confident (hopeful, perhaps) than others.

The web graphic is actually a photograph of Barack Obama from his Invesco Field acceptance speech.

In it, he's looking directly into the camera with an expression of fierce determination on his face -- his teeth gnashed in an Eastwood snarl, his left hand gesturing as though he's kung fu fighting his way through an oversized cinderblock made of SlapChop-minced Republican skulls.

The large, white text superimposed at the top reads: "Everyone chill the fuck out."

The text at the bottom exclaims: "I got this!"

Sure enough, two months later, we watched as this liberal African American man with the noble yet politically unusual name "Barack Hussein Obama" defied the odds and won red states like Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana and the commonwealth of Virginia. Fade out the roaring crowds at Grant Park. Dissolve to late January.

The economy continues to creep nearer to the crumbling ledge of yet another Depression -- if it isn't there already. And yet the Republicans who very nearly shoved us over the ledge are prancing around as if their collective Reaganomics don't stink.

Republicans on the Hill, on the radio and on cable news seemed to have forgotten how ridiculous George W. Bush looked when he performed his pee-pants-dance in public; acting like a petulant, entitled twerp who could, at any moment, very nearly regress into an actual terrible-twos tantrum, only to pull himself back at the last second and find some restraint just before reflexively dropping to the ground in a raging tempest of elbows, fists and teeth. The Republicans seemed to have forgotten about the inefficacy of this routine because it's precisely the behavior they're exhibiting this week.

They're acting like Bush Republicans.

Their political audacity, while never surprising, always seems

to confound expectations and defy logic. Having relegated themselves to the status of a regional, minor party due to their unserious, fear-mongering wedge politics and well-documented record of disastrous policy-making, they remain so hubristic as to crap their cages and demand a seat at the Big Boy Table, as if they're the majority party in Congress -- as if they somehow earned an equal voice in this thing by way of their awesome record on the economy.

They haven't. It's only due to the magnanimity of the president that they haven't been completely steamrolled on this recovery bill. Magnanimity which, by the way, isn't nearly as plentiful or renewable as the Republicans might think. Especially when the Republicans are doing what they're doing right now.

For instance.

Prompted by Drudge and Limbaugh, the Republicans are lurching around like less-cool, less-serious Beavis & Butthead knockoffs, snickering at the mere mention of birth control; their suit jackets slung over their heads Cornholio-style as they cackle, "He said rubbers! Mmm-heh-heh. Uhhh-huh-huh. But take us seriously or else."

Earlier in the week, it was birth control and by Wednesday morning the birth control headlines had been replaced with a new Drudge screamer about an STD prevention and education section of the bill. "Heh-heheh-heh. Crabs." □

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with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Francis Jacobs at the Aruba Beach Club which they call their home away from home. Carol & Andy Vince and Daniel Dere were honored as an distinguished visitor for the Island of Aruba after



coming for 10 consecutive years and also Mr. Aldo Lacchia and

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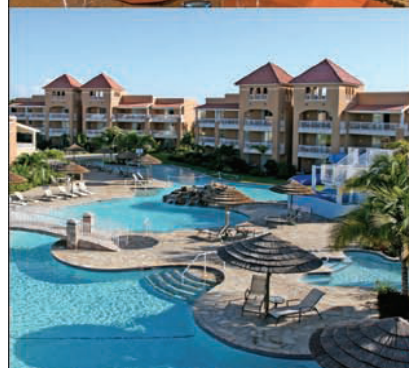
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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich delivers his closing argument at his impeachment trial Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in Springfield, Ill.

Associated Press

## Illinois governor unanimously convicted, tossed from office

By CHRISTOPHER WILLS

Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich was unanimously convicted at his impeachment trial and thrown out of office Thursday, ending a nearly two-month crisis that erupted with his arrest on charges he tried to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat. Blagojevich becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment.

After a four-day trial, the Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to convict him of abuse of power, automatically ousting the second-term Democrat. Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, one of his critics, immediately became governor.

In a second 59-0 vote, the Senate further barred Blagojevich from ever holding public office in Illinois again.

"He failed the test of character. He is beneath the dignity of the state of Illinois. He is no longer worthy to be our governor," said Sen. Matt Murphy, a Republican from suburban Chicago. Blagojevich's ordeal is far from over. Federal prosecutors are expected to bring a corruption indictment against him by April, after which a trial date will be set.

Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the impeachment trial, calling the proceedings a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate to beg for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued, again, that he did nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a "dangerous and chilling precedent."

"You haven't proved a crime, and you can't because it didn't happen," Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY-uh-vich) told the lawmakers. "How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?"

The verdict brought to an end what one lawmaker branded "the freak show" in Illinois. Over the past few weeks, Blagojevich found himself isolated, with almost the entire political establishment lined up against him. The furor paralyzed state government and made Blagojevich and his helmet of lush, dark hair a punchline from coast to coast.

In a solemn scene, more than 30 lawmakers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state. They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he cynically tried to enrich himself and then posed as the brave protector of the poor and "wrapped himself in the constitution" by decrying the impeachment process as unfair.

They sprinkled their remarks with historical references, from Pearl Harbor's "day of infamy" to "the whole world is watching" chant from the riots that broke out during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They cited Abraham Lincoln, the Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus as they called for the governor's removal.

"We have this thing called impeachment and it's bleeping golden and we've used it the right way," Democratic Sen. James Meeks of Chicago said during the debate, mocking Blagojevich's expletive-laden words as captured by the FBI on a wiretap.

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## Obama signs first bill into law, on equal pay



President Barack Obama signs the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Also pictured from left are Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., top, Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., left of Obama, and Lilly Ledbetter.

Associated Press

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Declaring that ending pay disparity is not just a women's issue, President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday that gives workers more time to take their pay discrimination cases to court.

Lilly Ledbetter, the Alabama woman whose story was the impetus behind the new law, stood alongside Obama as he signed the first bill of his presidency. Also in the East Room of the White House were labor, women's, civil rights advocates and members of Congress for whom the bill was a priority.

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Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey, center, walks past Shimon Peres, President of Israel, left, and Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, right, during a plenary session during the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, WEF, in Davos, Switzerland, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

Associated Press

## Turkish PM admonishes Israel president over Gaza

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President Barack Obama applauds Lilly Ledbetter, left, with Vice President Joe Biden, right, before signing the Lilly Ledbetter Bill for equal pay for equal work Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in the East Room at the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

## FIRST BILL

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"Equal pay is by no means just a women's issue, it's a family issue," Obama said. "And in this economy, when so many folks are already working harder for less and struggling to get by, the last thing they can afford is losing part of each

month's paycheck to simple and plain discrimination."

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act effectively nullifies a 2007 Supreme Court decision that denied Ledbetter an opportunity for redress. Ledbetter, 70, has said she did not learn about the sizable discrepancy in pay between

her and her male co-workers until near the end of her 19-year career at a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Gadsden, Ala. She sued, but the high court said in a 5-4 decision that she missed her chance to bring the action. The court said a person must file a discrimination claim

within 180 days of a company's initial decision to pay a worker less than another doing the same job. Under the new law, each new discriminatory paycheck would extend the statute of limitations for an additional 180 days. That was the interpretation before the Supreme Court was asked to step in. First lady Michelle Obama held a separate reception with Ledbetter in the State Dining Room just down the red-carpeted hallway from the earlier event. "She knew unfairness when she saw it, and was willing to do something about it because it was the right thing to do — plain and simple," Mrs. Obama said.

Ledbetter, who won't benefit from the legislation, said the richest reward is that the nation's daughters and granddaughters will have a better deal.

"That's what makes this fight worth fighting," Ledbetter said. "That's what made this fight one we had to win." The Bush White House and Senate Republicans blocked the bill in the last session of Congress. But Obama strongly

supported it — he talked often about Ledbetter during the presidential campaign — and the Democratic-controlled Congress made it a priority in its opening weeks.

Opponents contended the bill would gut the statute of limitations and benefit trial lawyers by encouraging lawsuits. They also argued that employees could wait to file claims in hopes of reaping larger damage awards.

Supporters said the bill does not change current law limiting back-pay awards to two years, so there would be no incentive to wait to file a claim.

Obama cited Census Bureau figures that show women still earn about 78 cents for every dollar men get for doing equivalent jobs, and it's even less for women of color. He said Ledbetter lost more than \$200,000 in salary, and even more in pension and Social Security benefits.

The bill, which amends the 1964 Civil Rights Act, also applies to discrimination based on factors such as race, religion, national origin, disability or age. □

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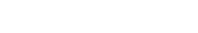
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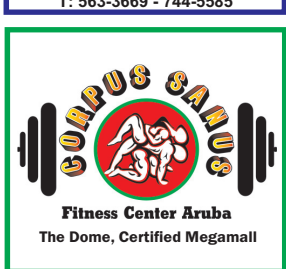
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# Homeland secretary wants criminal aliens out of U.S.

By EILEEN SULLIVAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – If you're a criminal and you're not entitled to be in the United States, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano wants you out of the country. Napolitano wants what she calls "criminal aliens" off American streets.

She is looking at existing immigration enforcement programs to see if taxpayers are getting the most bang for their buck.

"That sounds very simple, but it's historically not been done," Napolitano said, speaking to reporters and senior Immigration and

Customs Enforcement officials Thursday.

About 113,000 criminals who were in the U.S. illegally were deported last year, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said. The agency estimates there are now as many as 450,000 criminals in federal, state and local

## Anti-gay marriage donors must be public

By STEVE LAWRENCE  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A federal judge denied a request Thursday to keep secret the names of donors to California's anti-gay marriage initiative, saying the public had a right to know who gave money to state ballot measures.

Supporters of the Proposition 8 initiative, which overturned a state Supreme Court ruling that allowed gay marriage, had sought a preliminary injunction to remove the identities of those who contributed to their campaign from the secretary of state's Web site. The initiative was approved by voters in November.

They also had asked U.S. District Judge Morrison England Jr. to block the Monday release of the names of donors who either gave money two weeks before the election or shortly afterward. Those names will be publicly released in postelection campaign finance reports. But the judge sided with the state, saying that California's campaign disclosure laws were intended to protect the public and were especially important during expensive initiative campaigns.

"If there ever needs to be sunshine on a political issue, it is with a ballot measure," England said.

He said many campaign committees have vague names that obscure their intent, and the public would have no way of knowing who was behind the campaigns unless they could see who was giving money.

Supporters of the ban on gay marriage said public disclosure of their financial supporters had put the donors at risk of personal harassment or



In this Nov. 5, 2008 file photo Joni Boettcher, left, kisses her roommate Tika Shenghur during a "No on Prop 8" protest rally in West Hollywood, Calif. Gay rights activists are weighing the wisdom of rushing a repeal of Proposition 8 to the 2010 ballot if California's highest court upholds the state's same-sex marriage ban.

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boycotts to their businesses. Frank Schubert, co-manager of the Yes on 8 campaign, said another 1,600 people would be put at risk with the release of the reports.

The state had said in court papers that granting exemption to the plaintiffs could lead to a situation in which no campaign committee involved in a ballot measure could be required to

disclose its donors because of the potential for harassment. That would deny voters the right to know who was behind those campaigns, the state said.

The state also noted that most of the activity the plaintiffs called harassment was actually protected free speech, such as threats of boycotts. □



Secretary of Homeland Security-designate Janet Napolitano smiles during a luncheon for the political action committee Emily's List Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 in Washington.

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detention centers who are in the country illegally.

Napolitano said she wants to improve data-sharing among local, state and federal facilities. So far, there are jails in 26 counties across the country with computer systems that can talk instantly with immigration systems.

The goal, Napolitano said, is for federal immigration officials to know whether an inmate is in the country illegally immediately after he is processed into a detention

facility. After the criminal serves his or her sentence, immigration officials can be ready to deport that person right away.

ICE spokesman Richard Rocha said the agency plans to expand this connectivity to all state and local detention centers over the next four years.

Napolitano, whose job includes overseeing immigration laws, says she also will go after criminal fugitives who are in the country illegally. q

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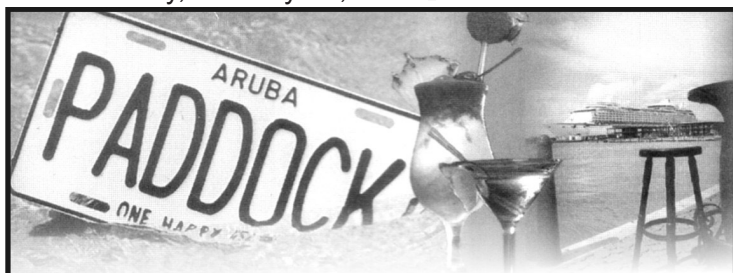
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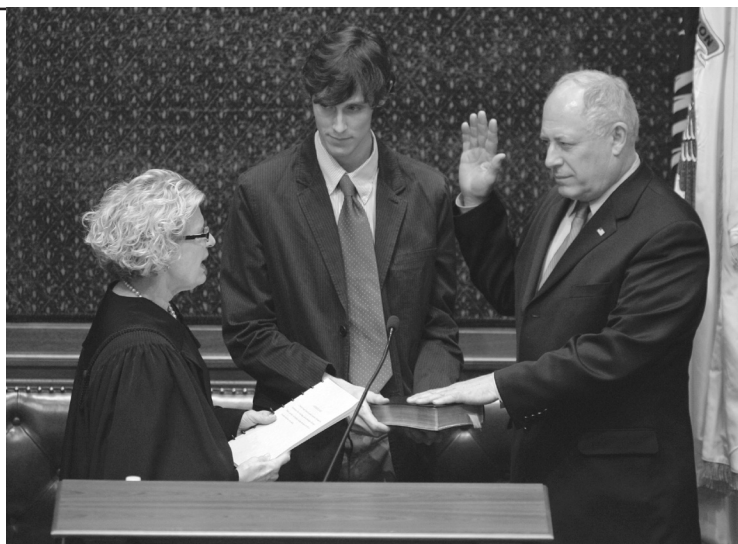
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Illinois Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, right, is sworn in as governor by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke, left, as Quinn's son, also named Patrick Quinn, looks on after Gov. Rod Blagojevich was removed from office Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in Springfield, Ill.

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#### IMPEACHMENT

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Not a single legislator rose in Blagojevich's defense. Blagojevich did not stick around to hear the vote. He took a state plane back to Chicago. Returning to his North Side home, he told reporters he planned to go jogging. But he had not left the house when the vote came down.

The verdict capped a head-spinning string of developments that began less than two months ago. It was widely known that federal prosecutors had been investigating Blagojevich's administration for years — some of his closest cronies have already been convicted — but his Dec. 9 arrest by the FBI caught nearly everyone off guard.

The most spectacular allegation was that Blagojevich had been caught on wiretaps scheming to sell an appointment to Obama's Senate seat for campaign cash or a plum job for himself or his

wife.

"I've got this thing and it's (expletive) golden, and I'm just not giving it up for (expletive) nothing. I'm not gonna do it," he was quoted as saying on a government wiretap.

Prosecutors also said he illegally pressured people to make campaign contributions and tried to get editorial writers fired from the Chicago Tribune for badmouthing him in print. Obama himself, fresh from his historic election victory, was forced to look into the matter and issued a report concluding that no one in his inner circle had done anything wrong.

In the brash and often theatrical style that has infuriated fellow politicians for years, Blagojevich repeatedly refused to resign, reciting the poetry of Kipling and Tennyson and declaring at one point last month: "I will fight. I will fight. I will fight until I take my last breath. I have done nothing wrong."

Even as lawmakers were deciding whether to launch an impeachment, Blagojevich defied the political establishment and stunned everyone by appointing a former Illinois attorney general, Roland Burris, to the very Senate seat he had been accused of trying to sell. Top Democrats on Capitol Hill eventually backed down and seated Burris.

As his trial got under way, Blagojevich launched a media blitz, rushing from one TV studio to another in New York to proclaim his innocence. He likened himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and to a cowboy in the hands of a Wild West lynch mob.

The impeachment case included not only the criminal charges against Blagojevich, but allegations he broke the law when it came to hiring state workers, expanded a health care program without legislative approval and spent \$2.6 million on flu vaccine that went to waste. The 118-member House twice voted to impeach him, both times with only one "no" vote.

By making a speech in the Senate chamber instead of testifying, Blagojevich did not have to take an oath or answer any questions.

In his plea, Blagojevich portrayed himself as a victim of retaliation from the Legislature for his efforts to help the poor. He acknowledged the truth about his conduct is "maybe not flattering in some cases," referring to the secretly recorded conversations. But he said the tapes captured something that "all of us in politics do in order to run campaigns and win elections." □

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# Indifference to dead man symbol of Detroit's ills

By COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - In an abandoned warehouse, the image was stark and shocking: two denim-clad, lifeless legs poking up through trash-choked ice.

Investigators who took three emergency calls over two days before finally going out to retrieve the body will now try to figure out what killed the man, but this much is clear - it's become another symbol of Detroit's decay and indifference.

"Most of us grew up with this," said Mike Corbin, 34, pointing toward the old warehouse and brooding, dilapidated Michigan Central train depot nearby. "It's depressing. Chicago and New York have their own problems, but those are in certain areas. But in Detroit, it's the entire city."

Investigators are looking into reports that a group of urban adventurers who get their kicks exploring Detroit's crumbling buildings and at least one homeless man had seen the man's body, but didn't call police.

Detroit is a tough town, often described as gritty, hard-knuckled, a survivor. Its post-World War II population soared to more than 1.8 million. Many of the 900,000 people who now call it home lived through Detroit's days as the country's "murder capital" when more than 700 people

were slain in 1974.

Now they are slogging through the worst economy in its history as Detroit ranks among the nation's leaders in unemployment and home foreclosures. Restructuring by the slumping U.S. auto industry promises to leave many more jobless.

Faced with a budget deficit expected to top \$200 million, bond ratings at junk status, a recently ended sex scandal that landed ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff in jail and a current federal probe into City Hall corruption, Detroit's fortunes mirror the nameless unclaimed man on thaw at the city morgue. "When you hear somebody say it's a dead body near a train station, you say 'and?'" said 28-year-old Bianca Glenn over her vegan Jamaican stew at the Mercury Coffee Bar near the abandoned warehouse. "I'm kind of desensitized to it."

The Mercury, which opened just four months ago, and several other nearby eateries contrast sharply with the surrounding neighborhood

dominated by the empty train station, out-of-business Roosevelt Hotel and numerous vacant lots.

Around the corner and down the block stands what remains of the old Tiger Stadium, mostly torn down after closing down nearly a decade ago.

In warmer weather, the homeless languish in a park facing the train station.

"It's a monument and symbol of what we used to be. It's like our Roman ruin," said Corbin, manager of the Mercury. He acknowledges he's explored the depot and other abandoned structures in the area.

Detroit News reporter and columnist Charlie LeDuff found the body after receiving a tip that it was at the bottom of a submerged elevator shaft at the Roosevelt Warehouse. A homeless man camped a few yards from the shaft where the body lay, but didn't report it to authorities, LeDuff wrote.

A group of young men playing hockey in the frozen interior also didn't call police because they were trespassing, LeDuff said, though he didn't quote anybody by name.



A dead body is seen frozen in a block of ice located in an elevator shaft in a former Detroit Public Schools warehouse building Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 in Detroit, Mich. The Detroit News newspaper says it took making three calls to Detroit authorities over two days before they recovered the body of the man. Authorities used saws to extricate the body Wednesday afternoon, the Detroit Free Press and WDIV-TV said. Investigators said they think the body was there for several months. The man's name and the cause of his death weren't immediately known.

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Firefighters used saws to cut through the ice Wednesday afternoon. It wasn't known how long the man's body had been in the shaft.

Ribbons of razor wire proved no barrier to the warehouse grounds Thursday as the man-high fence was peeled back. Inside, amid the dumped trash and crumbled bricks lay

shoes, mattresses, cheap gin and wine bottles. The paper cover of Scott Turow's novel "Presumed Innocent" lay folded on the loading dock.

The county medical examiner's office said an autopsy will have to wait until the body naturally thaws. Detroit police won't know until then how he died. □

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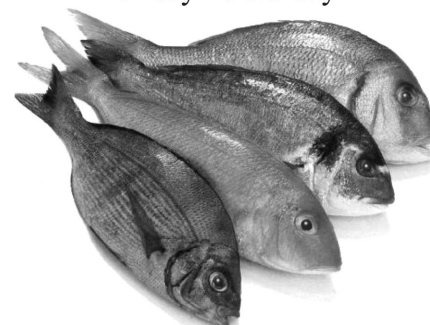
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By JOHN DANISZEWSKI and MATT MOORE

Associated Press Writers DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) - Turkey's prime minister stalked off the stage at the World Economic Forum red-faced Thursday after reproaching Israel's president over the Gaza offensive by saying "You kill people."

The packed audience, which

included President Barack Obama's close adviser Valerie Jarrett, appeared stunned as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli President Shimon Peres raised their voices and traded accusations.

Peres was passionate in his defense of Israel's 23-day offensive against Hamas militants, launched in reaction

# Turkish PM admonishes Israel president over Gaza

to eight years of rocket fire aimed at Israeli territory. As he spoke, Peres often turned toward Erdogan, who in his remarks had criticized the Israeli blockade of Gaza, saying it was an "open air prison, isolated from the rest of the world" and referred to the Palestinian death toll of about 1,300, more than half of those civilians. Thirteen Israelis also died.

"Why did they fire rockets? There was no siege against Gaza," Peres said, his voice rising in emotion. "Why did they fight us, what did they want? There was never a day of starvation in Gaza."

The heated debate with Israel and Turkey at the center was significant because of the key role Turkey has played as a moderator between Israel and Syria. Erdogan appeared to express a sense

of disappointment when he recounted how he had met with the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert just days before the offensive, and believed they were close to reaching terms for a face-to-face meeting with Syrian leaders.

Obama's new Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, will be in Turkey for talks Sunday.

Erdogan was angry when a panel moderator cut off his remarks in response to an impassioned monologue by Peres defending Israel's offensive against the Hamas rulers of Gaza.

"I find it very sad that people applaud what you said," Erdogan said.

"You killed people. And I think that it is very wrong."

The angry exchange followed an hour-long debate at the forum attended by world leaders in Davos. Erdogan tried to rebut

Peres as the discussion was ending, asking the moderator, Washington Post columnist David Ignatius, to let him speak once more.

"Only a minute," Ignatius replied.

"Mr. Peres, you are older than me. Your voice is too loud," Erdogan told Peres, saying his emotion belied a guilty conscious.

"You kill people," Erdogan told the 85-year-old Israeli leader. "I remember the children who died on beaches. I remember two former prime ministers who said they felt very happy when they were able to enter Palestine on tanks."

When Erdogan was asked to stop, he angrily stalked off, leaving fellow panelists U.N. Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon and Arab League Secretary Amr Moussa. □



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# N. Korea declares past accords with South 'dead'

By JEAN H. LEE

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea declared all military and political agreements with South Korea "dead" Friday, toughening its stance while accusing Seoul of pushing the peninsula to the brink of war. The North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea said Pyongyang was forced to nullify past peacekeeping accords between the two wartime rivals because of South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's hard-line stance against the North.

"The group of traitors has already reduced all the agreements reached between the north and the south in the past to dead documents," the committee in charge of inter-Korean affairs said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

The North warned that Seoul's continued hard-line stance would only draw "a heavier blow and shameful destruction" on the South.

South Korea expressed regret, and urged the North to honor agreements with the South.

"Agreements between the South and the North cannot be scrapped unilaterally," Defense Ministry spokesman Won Tae-jae said.

The two Koreas technically remain at war because their brutal, three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953. The peninsula remains divided by a heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone, with thousands of troops stationed on both sides of the border. Ties have warmed significantly over the past decade, with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il meeting with then-South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in a historic summit in 2000. The detente helped pave the way for first inter-Korean exchanges in 50 years.

But tensions have been high since Lee took office in Seoul nearly a year ago pledging to get tough with Pyongyang. He questioned the wisdom of his predecessors' "sunshine policy" of nurturing reconciliation by handing over aid to the nuclear-armed North unconditionally. Pyongyang responded by cutting off all reconciliation talks with Seoul, suspending key joint projects and ratcheting up the rhetoric against a man they denounce as a "traitor" to Korean reunification.

"Never to be condoned are the crimes the Lee group has committed against the nation and reunification by bedeviling overnight the inter-Korean relations that had favorably

developed amidst the support and encouragement of all the Koreans and ruthlessly scrapping the inter-Korean agreements," the North said Friday.

Earlier this month, the North's military accused the South of preparing to wage war and said it had adopted an "all-out confrontational posture" to rebuff any southern aggression. Seoul denied plotting any attack on the North but put its military on alert.

On Friday, the North declared all agreements on the Korea's disputed western maritime border "nullified," raising the specter of a naval skirmish. Disputes over the border prompted two deadly clashes in 1999 and 2002.

The U.S.-led United Nations Command unilaterally drew the Yellow Sea border at the end of the war \_ but Pyongyang claims it should be redrawn farther south.

In Seoul, the Defense Ministry said its troops remain on alert, though there have been no unusual moves by the North's military.

The latest verbal attack from Pyongyang comes as both Koreas watch to see how President Barack Obama's North Korea policy takes shape. After eight years of icy relations



In this Sept. 30, 2008 file photo, South Korean marine soldiers watch North Korean territory at the Baekryong Island, about 138 miles west of mainland South Korea and 10 miles southwest of North Korean territory, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008.

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with the Bush administration, Pyongyang has shown signs it is interested in forging ties with the Obama White House. Obama has said he would be willing to meet with Kim Jong Il if it advances the effort to disarm the North of its nuclear capabilities.

North Korea, which tested a nuclear bomb in 2006, signed a pact in 2007 with five other nations \_ the U.S., South Korea, Japan, Russia and China \_ agreeing to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for aid.

That process has been stalled since August, and talks in Beijing in December failed to

get the process back on track. North Korea's Kim, in his first apparent meeting with a foreign official since reportedly suffering a stroke in August, assured a senior Chinese envoy last week that he was committed to a nuclear-free Korean peninsula, China's state media reported.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton this week called the six-party talks an "essential" forum for negotiating North Korea's disarmament. State Department spokesman Robert Wood told reporters Thursday that a review of the U.S. policy on North Korea was still under way. □

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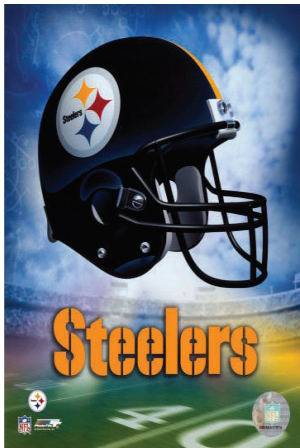
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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

# Federer beats Roddick to reach Aussie Open final

By PAUL ALEXANDER

Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Roger Federer moved within one victory of his 14th Grand Slam title with another dominating victory, ousting Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-5, 7-5 Thursday to reach the Australian Open final.

Roddick, whose rigorous offseason training regime was designed to help him beat Federer and top-ranked Rafael Nadal, was in good form.

But second-ranked Federer outplayed him in every phase of the game. Ripping winners from all over the court and usually forcing Roddick to hit more than one good shot to win a point, he even had more aces than the hard-serving American, 16-8.

"I served well in the first set and that gave me a lot of confidence," Federer said. "I was moving well and getting a lot of balls back and making it difficult for Andy to get the upper hand from the baseline. That was kind of what I was hoping for."

Federer, seeking his fourth Australian title, will face the winner of Friday's semifinal between Nadal and fellow Spanish left-hander Fernando Verdasco.

"I don't have to wait to see who wins, I can start preparing for a leftie tonight," Federer said. The women's final matchup was set earlier in the day. Serena Williams was calm, collected and cool with the Rod Laver Arena roof closed to keep out what news reports called Melbourne's hottest January day since 1939 - temperatures hit 111F. She ended Olympic champion Elena Dementieva's 15-match winning streak with a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

All that stands between her and a 10th Grand Slam title



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after beating Andy Roddick of the United States during their Men's singles semifinal match at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

Associated Press

is third-seeded Dinara Safina, who is hungry to take home her first major trophy to go along with the two that brother Marat Safin has earned.

Safina ousted fellow Russian Vera Zvonareva 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the other semifinal. The winner Saturday also will rise to the No. 1 ranking.

By the time Federer and Roddick were on court in the evening, temperatures had dropped to 91F so the retractable roof was open.

Although Roddick won their last meeting, Federer raised his record against him to 16-2.

"The last time I lost, so coming into this match there was a bit of pressure," Federer said.

It didn't show. Instead, this one played out like many of the Swiss star's previous victories. Blunting Roddick's blistering serves, Federer broke twice in the first set. Adding to Roddick's frustration was a call that went against him as Federer served at 4-1.

A Federer shot was called out, but he successfully challenged. Chair umpire Enric Molina ruled that Roddick couldn't

have gotten to the ball and gave the point to Federer. Roddick argued he stopped running when he heard the "out" call, and he had an ongoing dialogue with Molina during several changeovers.

With both players holding easily in the second set, a tiebreaker loomed with Roddick serving at 5-5. Federer broke at love, then easily held with Roddick failing to get a serve return back in play. That was pretty much the match.

"Let's not kid ourselves," Roddick said. "You're down two sets to him and scraping, trying to survive. I hit the ball pretty well. He just came up with shots when he needed to. That's what he does."

Roddick had 38 winners, only 18 unforced errors and two double faults.

After serving a double-fault at 2-2 in the third set, Roddick got a warning for an audible obscenity and told Molina: "I take back the apology."

Roddick served again at 5-5 in the third set, and Federer - who seems to come up with his best tennis under pressure - broke again. □



New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul scrambles for the loose ball with Denver Nuggets center Nene, from Brazil, in the second half of their NBA basketball game in New Orleans Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009. Hornets won 94-81.

Associated Press

## NBA Roundup

# Hornets beat Nuggets, close on San Antonio

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Reserve Devin Brown stepped up when he was needed by New Orleans on Wednesday, hitting a season-high 18 points to help the Hornets to a 94-81 win over the Denver Nuggets in NBA action.

Brown got additional court time after a first-half injury and made it count with 6-of-7 shooting, lifting New Orleans to within a game of Southwest Division leader San Antonio.

Peja Stojakovic matched a season high with 26 points for the Hornets.

Chris Paul had only 12 points but 10 assists in an off night for the Nuggets.

## 76ers 95, Rockets 93

In Houston, Andre Iguodala hit a baseline jump shot with 36 seconds left to seal Philadelphia's comeback from a late 14-point deficit to beat Houston.

Iguodala finished with 20 points for the 76ers.

In Boston, Eddie House scored 28 points on a career-high eight 3-pointers as Boston beat Sacramento and won its ninth in a row.

Rajon Rondo had 24 points and nine assists for the Celtics, who went on a 25-9 run to start the second quarter, turning a two-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

It was the seventh straight loss for Sacramento, which opened a 10-point lead in the first quarter.

**In other NBA games Wednesday night, it was: Boston 119, Sacramento 100; Miami 93, Washington 71; New York 112, Atlanta 104; Toronto 107, New Jersey 106; New Orleans 94, Denver 81; Oklahoma City 114, Memphis 102 in overtime; Dallas 117, Golden State 93; Detroit 98, Minnesota 89; Portland 88, Charlotte 74; Chicago 95, the Los Angeles Clippers 75; and Indiana 107, Milwaukee 99. □**



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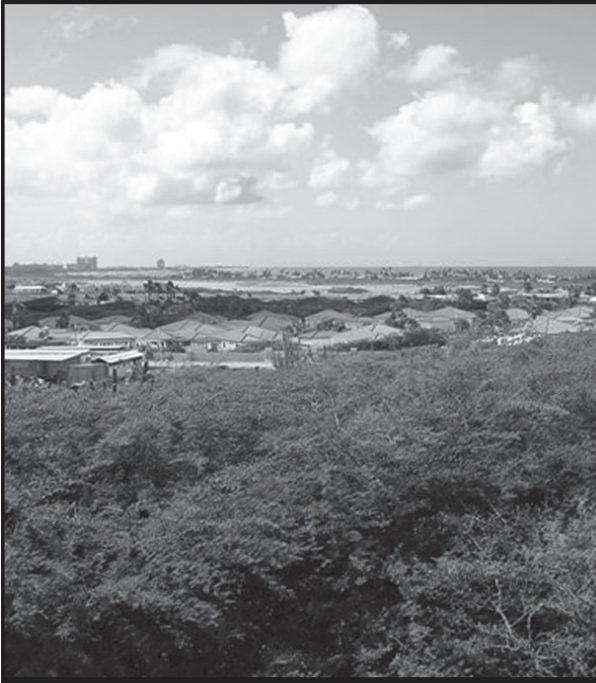
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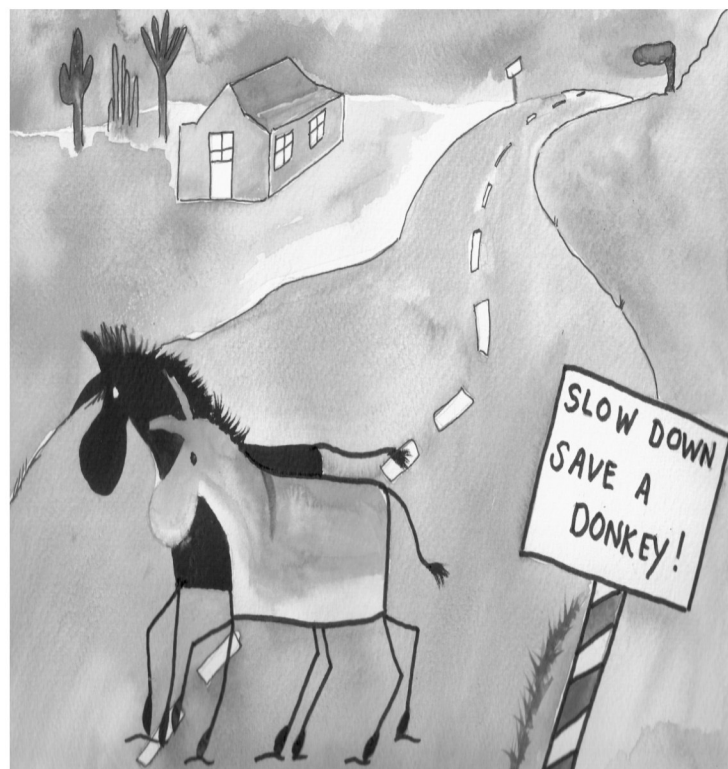
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Platinum W#1-17, Marriott Surf - 3bdr, OceanView -US\$50,000	week# 4, Costa Linda - 2Bdr. R#2012, Oceanview.-US\$24,000	week# 4 - DiviLinks - Studio. R#2108, Poolv - US\$14,000
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week# 1,2,3,4 Aruban Res-1Bdr. R#3586, poolv- US\$7,000pw	week# 2, Aruban Resort-1 Bdr. R#4584, PoolView-US\$.8,475	week# 3 - DiviVillage - Studio. R#8303, Pool Ocean-US\$8,000
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Platinum W#1-17. Marriott Surf. 2Bdr, OceanView US\$30,000	week# 4, ParadiseB.V - 2Bdr. R#129, Oceanfront - US\$24,000	week#11, Dutchvillage- 2Bdr R#46&49, PoolV US\$18,000pw
Week# 7, La Cabana - 1Bdr. Room#339, OceanFr-US\$8,000	week#8, Aruban Resort - 1Bdr. R#1537, Poolview - US\$9,000	For rent: week 8, Renaissance- R#2536, 1Br-OceanV-US\$1,500
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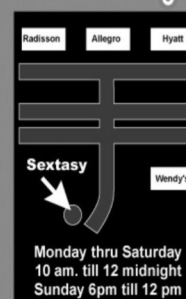
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# Cuatro líderes sudamericanos arremeten contra capitalismo

BELEM, Brasil (Reuters) - Los presidentes de Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay y Venezuela enfervorizaron el jueves a los asistentes al Foro Social Mundial en la ciudad brasileña de Belem, con duros ataques al capitalismo y la defensa de un nuevo mundo socialista.

El venezolano Hugo Chávez, el boliviano Evo Morales, el ecuatoriano Rafael Correa y el paraguayo Fernando Lugo fueron aclamados en un multitudinario encuentro sobre las "Perspectivas de la Integración Popular de América Latina".

Durante sus intervenciones, algunos de los mandatarios, que luego se reunirían con su colega brasileño Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, no escatimaron tampoco ataques contra el "imperialismo norteamericano".

También unieron sus voces en cantos de protesta y estribillos de décadas atrás que coreaban militantes de izquierda, sindicalistas, indígenas y de una diversidad de movimientos activistas.

Los cánticos incluyeron homenajes al desaparecido guerrillero argentino-cubano Ernesto "Che" Guevara, quien fue compañero de Fidel Castro en la revolución cubana,



**El presidente de Paraguay, Fernando Lugo (izquierda en la imagen) bromea junto al presidente ecuatoriano, Rafael Correa, durante el Foro Social Mundial en Belem, Brasil, 29 ene 2009. Los presidentes de Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay y Venezuela enfervorizaron el jueves a los asistentes al Foro Social Mundial en la ciudad brasileña de Belem, con duros ataques al capitalismo y la defensa de un nuevo mundo socialista. REUTERS/Raimundo Pacco (BRASIL)**

así como gritos de saludo al convaleciente "Fidel".

"Mientras en Davos, Suiza, se reúne el mundo que muere, aquí se reúne el mundo que nace. Estamos donde nace un mundo nuevo, una nueva era", dijo Chávez al llegar a Belem, la capital del amazónico estado de Pará.

En Davos sesiona el Foro

Económico Mundial, integrado por empresarios y al que también asisten jefes de Estado y representantes de gobiernos. El encuentro de Belem actúa como contrapunto de movimientos sociales. Al intervenir en el foro, Chávez volvió a denostar al ex presidente estadounidense George W. Bush y apenas dio una cautelosa bienvenida a su

sucesor, el demócrata Barack Obama.

"Estaremos a la espera, observando, la actuación del nuevo Gobierno de Estados Unidos, que tiene un problema muy grave dentro de sus fronteras: la crisis económica", afirmó.

Pero agregó que no se hacía muchas ilusiones de un cambio

en la política estadounidense porque "el imperio está intacto (...) y el propio presidente ha dicho que Chávez es un obstáculo".

El presidente ecuatoriano también atacó al capitalismo y dijo que junto a sus colegas integraban "gobiernos progresistas que buscan un sistema más justo", a través del "socialismo del siglo XXI".

Correa sostuvo que el "nuevo socialismo", entre otras características, constituía "la supremacía del ser humano y del trabajo humano sobre el capital".

El presidente boliviano, quien también conduce un gobierno de corte izquierdista, expresó por su parte que podía cometer errores, pero que jamás cesaría su "lucha contra el imperialismo norteamericano". Al igual que los otros presidentes que asistieron al foro, el paraguayo Lugo, un ex obispo católico, sostuvo que América Latina estaba en un profundo proceso de cambio, que posibilitaron los grupos militantes.

"Movimientos populares, campesinos, indígenas, de mujeres y de jóvenes nos han dado la posibilidad de generar este cambio en nuestro país", agregó. □





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